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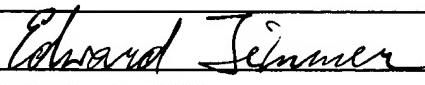
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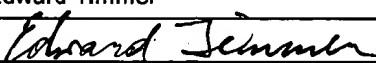
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 21, 2001, please consider the following admission:

The Applicants hereby admit that all of the species identified by the Examiner are obvious variants of each other.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Edward Timmer, Applicants' Attorney at (617) 720-5822 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.